

## TAKING UP THE GAUNTLET.

MESSRS. HALL AND CONNOLLY IN-  
VITING INVESTIGATION.

**The Chamber of Commerce Asked to Inspect  
the Original City Accounts and their  
Vouchers.**

**MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 4, 1871.**

der of Commerce, or in his absence the Hon. George O'pdyke, Vice-President.

DEAR SIR: In view of the gross allegations continually made by a partisan journal in relation to the accounts of the city and county of New York, the expenditure of the public moneys, the public debt, and the city resources, the undersigned respectfully request that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a large and influential committee of well known and upright citizens to make a full and exhaustive examination of the public accounts and condition of the public

The undersigned would feel obliged, in case there is no regular meeting of the Chamber within a few days, if a special meeting could be convened expressly for the purpose indicated.

The undersigned make this proposition irrespective of their own personal considerations, and because of the assault made upon the city credit, and it is addressed to you because your body is composed of non-partisan and commercial gentlemen. Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

*THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.*

PARIS, Aug. 4.—It is reported that M. Thiers has accepted the principle that the State should indemnify the Provinces for losses sustained from the German invasion. Negotiations are in progress between the Deputies of the Left Centre, and Right Centre, and the Government, concerning the prolongation of the powers of M. Thiers, and the extension of the Assembly is to be questioned, today concerning the alleged appointment of the Duke of Chartres as the officer in the Algerian forces.

At the meeting of the Assembly, to-day, the Committee made a report, recommending that the State assume the burthen of the provinces invaded by the Germans. The report was received to the surprise of many of the Deputies, and amid much excitement, spoke in terms of vigorous opposition to the report.

M. Thiers said the amount of the indemnity would be less than the amount of the losses, a sum which the Treasury was quite unable to meet. He said that the Government would not possibly be less than one hundred millions, a sum which the Treasury was quite unable to meet.

**The Red Bank Robber Free.**  
A prisoner lodged in the Monmouth county jail, on suspicion of robbing the store of William Corlies of Red Bank of \$5,000 worth of goods, escaped yesterday, having sawed the bars of his cell and window with a short steel saw, supposed to have been given to him by some friend. He took two others with him on his race for freedom.

E. S. Snow Social Union No. 4 enjoyed their annual excursion yesterday in Alderbrook Park. A picnic on the benefit of widow E. J. Brasmaw whose husband was a member of Iverbrook Social Union No. 1 is announced for Saturday afternoon at Jones's Wood.

**SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.**

Ex-Gov. John B. Dier of California is dying. Gould Neal, a farmer, aged 73, hanged himself in Boston yesterday. Mr. Ashburn's yacht Livonia has been beaten in the Cowes regatta. The Mansion House, a stable, two stores and dwelling in Monticello, N. Y., lost \$25,000. The steamer, Elmore, was struck by lightning Monday night and wrecked off Cape Cod. Thursday. Two officers and nine sailors killed. Mr. Gaylord's dwelling and outbuildings in Kent

The open regatta of the Atlantic Coast Club is the event-to-day in Peconic Bay. The fleet arrived at Greypoint from New Haven on Thursday night.

The Revenue cutter Andrew Johnson has gone to the aid of the small craft that protest the United States Marine who was arrested when he took charge of an duties.

The warlike between the Warrent men and the Brown men in New Orleans is waged relentlessly, and with a bitterness never before displayed in a political contest.

The woman suffragists of San Francisco and Stockton are preparing to ask the county clerks to refuse to register them as voters under the Constitution of the United States.

**GOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.**

Thermometer at 3 P. M. yesterday, 62.

The Hon. Seth C. Hawley, Chief clerk of the Police Board, has received the following letter from

The Hon. Charles C. Conner has nominated this week Edward J. Chanterley for Secretary.

The Hon. Nathan Chubb, U. S. Consul at Havana arrived in the steamship Stearnman yesterday.

James Doyle, of 59 Third avenue, and Jack Young, of 1413 Second street, died yesterday at their homes.

James O'Hara, aged 10, of 445 West Forty-first street, fell from a third-story window and was fatally injured.

Charles Soranum, of 37 Monroe street, fell into the hull of the tug Nina at Morris, East River, and was fatally injured.

The Free Reading Room of the Cooper Union was closed for repairs on Monday, Aug. 7, and will not be open again until Monday, Aug. 14.

The Hon. Harry Hill went to Long Branch yesterday, to deliver the Macomber Lecture.

The silver watch and gold chain belonging to Mrs. John J. Smith, a member of the Fire Department, who banded him in the fire, were presented to the central Two-Two organization by the Eighteenth Ward Twent Association and Harry Steelman, Port Jervis and Friend General.

Slaney Smith of Thirty-first street, near Eighth avenue, fell while jumping of the Hudson Railroad car at Forty-first street, and was fatally injured.

Wm. Connors, of 432 Washington street, while driving one of the large Castle Garden barge boats, was killed by another wagon, and was thrown out and killed.

Resolutions handsomely engrossed and framed were presented by the Matthew T. Brennan Parent Association yesterday through the Hon. Michael Brogan.

Nathan H. Coleman of the West Fort avenue street police was killed yesterday for displaying

Jerome Dixon aged 19, and Mark Linnberry aged 25, of Columbus street, and 372 Livingston street, were in a very early morning at the foot of their street, where they were drinking water and using Long's, plugged in and saved him.

Daniel J. Bernstein who was arrested on Wednesday night with Archibald Fulton for beating an elderly woman, was taken to the police station, but as the police mistakenly reported, Mr. Daniel J. Bernstein of 131 Broadway.

James J. O'Connell was transferred from the police station to the Kings County House of Detention on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Two other arrested men, Daniel Hansen at 101 Mercer and El Woodson at 101 Mercer, were also taken to the Kings County House of Detention, and Gray left in moving their furniture.

Daniel Garrison, lessee and owner of property in Broadway between Thirty-fourth and Fifty-ninth streets, was arrested on Wednesday night by the police, and taken to the police station, where he was held until the morning, when he was released. Garrison, who is a well-known figure in the neighborhood, was released on the condition that he should remain in the neighborhood and not go to the city.

Edward Matthews, Gilman Son & Co., Williams & Sinar & Co., J. C. Jones, John Lockwood & Co., J. & J. Edwards Haight & Co. and Morris K. Jeup, have signed a paper suggesting that the meetings called to discuss the proposed new municipal government be consolidated and held at some early day to be agreed upon.